

VZ-200

\$99 for 8k

The VZ-200 is the lowest priced home computer in Australia. It suffers from the old problem of awful rubber keys but given its price it's probably not appropriate to complain. When it was launched, Dick Smith (the VZ-200's distributors) expected it to take the country by storm and while many thousands have been sold, it has not attracted the support of many software houses. It's virtually unknown in the US, so you can't look across the Pacific for any third party software support either.

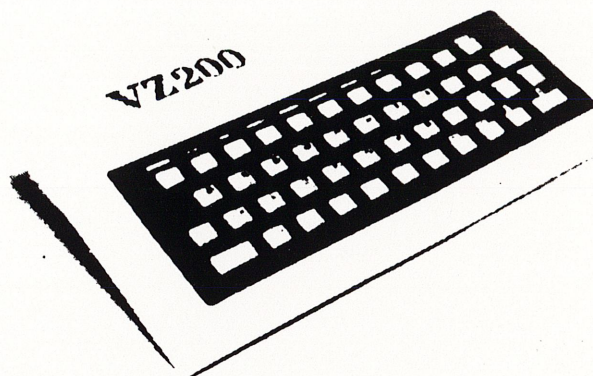
That said, if you're looking for a micro with limited memory but with colour graphics, sound and a reasonable Basic but don't want to spend much on programs (ie, you want to write your own), then the VZ-200's price tag makes it good value for money.

There's not much in the way of being able to expand the VZ-200. Apart from a 'datasette' for \$69.50, a 16k expansion module (\$79), there's only a printer/plotter and joysticks. There is no provision for disk drives.

If you're into D-I-Y computing, have a look at the VZ-200.

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Dick Smith colour computer

The Dick Smith VZ-200 personal computer features colour graphics, sound, Microsoft BASIC and both RF and video output.

Priced at only \$199, the VZ-200 has been specially designed for the computer beginner. It has 8K of RAM which can be easily expanded to 24K with the addition of the 16K memory expansion module.

The VZ-200 is a fully functional computer, so there's no extra equipment to buy. A comprehensive step-by-step instruction manual is included to teach you how to program in BASIC.

The keys on the typewriter-style movable-key keyboard have been specially designed so

that it's difficult to make a mistake. The number of switches and controls have been kept to a minimum.

The VZ-200 has the facility to attach cassette recorders in order to store programs on standard audio tape. The interface module, priced at \$49.50, allows the connection of a printer to the computer.

The VZ-200 is now available from any of the 37 Dick Smith Electronics stores Australia-wide.

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More Quality For Less Cash

DICK SMITH ELECTRONICS has announced the new Dick Smith VZ-200 colour microcomputer, priced at \$199. The system incorporates colour graphics, sound, Microsoft BASIC and both RF and video output.

Features of the VZ-200 include eight kilobytes of inbuilt RAM, eight-colour graphics, 128 by 64 high-resolution graphics mode, 45-key automatic-repeating keyboard, and easy expansion with optional modules. □